

1 IN THE SPECIFICATION:

2 Please amend the paragraph at page 4, lines 5 through 10 of the Specification as follows:

3 The integrated pivoting unit 14 comprises a first flange 28a and a second flange
4 28b, which are in facing relation. The first flange 28a is pivotally attached at its
5 center to the center of the second flange 28b, enclosing ball bearings 29. A
6 bearing housing 30 is defined where the first flange 28a is pivotally attached to the
7 second flange 28b. The first flange 28a and second flange 28b each have outward
8 facing surfaces to which are respectively attached the first surface 12a of the foot-
engaging member 12 and the first surface 16a of the ground-engaging member 16.

9 Please amend the paragraph at page 4, line 19 through page 5, line 5 of the Specification
10 as follows:

11 This feature of the device allows a young ballplayer to simply drop the device on
12 the ground without regard to which side is facing up. As shown in the exploded
13 view of FIG. 4, the integrated pivoting unit 14 is sandwiched between the foot-
engaging member ~~18~~ 12 and the ground-engaging member 16. Integrated pivoting
14 unit 14 is available from most hardware supply stores as a single piece unit,
15 typically used for such uses as pivotally mounting wheel casters to furniture.
16 Sealing member 18 may be a rubber o-ring or other elastic member which is sized
17 so that it is able to be stretched over one of the flanges 28a or 28b of the
18 integrated pivoting unit 14, yet small enough that it snugly fits around the bearing
19 housing 30 defined where the first flange 28a is pivotally attached to the second
20 flange 28b. Among other functions, sealing member 18 keeps dirt and debris
21 away from the bearing housing 30 so no dirt or debris gets between the bearings
22 keeping flanges 28 free to move with respect to one another. Sealing member 18
23 also adds additional friction so that flanges 28 do not freely spin, thereby causing
24 the sensation of rotating the foot on the device to resemble to a greater degree the
25 sensation of rotating the rear foot on the ground itself. Yet, when weight is placed
26 on the device and the rear foot rotated, the flanges 28 spin in such a manner as to
27 convey to the batter proper batting posture and technique.